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TO: All Judges, All Court Commissioners, District Court Administrator, Deputy District Court Administrator, County Executive, Clerk of Circuit Court, Corporation Counsel, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney, Public Defender, Court Coordinators, Managing Court Reporter, MSD, Legal Resource Center, Facilities Management, CCAP, Press

FROM: Chief Judge Jeffrey A. Kremers

RE: **ASSIGNMENT OF CASES TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURTS**

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED that, effective March 31, 2012, Chief Judge Directives 00-12, 08-21, and 09-09 are clarified as follows:

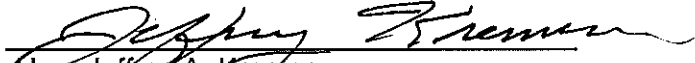
All new cases meeting the following criteria shall be assigned to the Domestic Violence Courts:

1. Cases involving allegations of violence between intimate partners. Intimate partner is defined as;
 - a. Spouse or former spouse of the defendant.
 - b. A person who cohabitates or who has cohabitated with the defendant (i.e., who resides/resided together in a sexual romantic relationship).
 - c. A person with whom the defendant has or had a child in common.

All other cases involving charges of domestic abuse under §968.075 Wis. Stats., including violence between siblings, non-intimate roommates, parent and adult children shall be subject to the same intake and assignment procedures as other general felony/misdemeanor cases. They will be subject to the appropriate domestic violence surcharge at disposition.

2. Cases involving allegations of Physical Abuse of a Child (948.03), Causing Mental Harm to a Child (948.04), Abandonment of a Child (948.20), Neglecting a Child (948.21) and Unauthorized Placement for Adoption (948.24), where the defendant is a parent, a guardian, a person who resides or has resided regularly or intermittently in the same dwelling as the child, or any relative who exercises or has exercised temporary or permanent control over the child shall be assigned to the Domestic Violence Court calendars. All other child abuse cases should continue to be assigned to the Homicide/Sensitive Crimes Court calendars.
3. Cases involving allegations of Interference with the Custody of a Child by Parent or Another (948.31).

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 27th day of March, 2012.


Hon. Jeffrey A. Kremers
Chief Judge

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